

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 10, 11, 12 have been canceled to obtain a prompt allowance. Applicant plans to pursue process claims in a continuation.

Claim 7 has been amended to cancel "characterized in that" to correct a clerical error, and also, to add an antecedent for "mean disc tilt value". The changes to claim 7 are not for meeting any statutory requirements and applicant maintains his rights under the doctrine of equivalents.

In response to allowance of claims 5 and 16 that were dependent on claims 1 and 14 respectively. The entire subject matter of claims 5 and 16 have been added to claims 1 and 14 respectively, and claims 5 and 16 have been canceled.

Claim 17 had to be amended to depend on claim 14 because claim 16 was canceled. The subject matter of claim 17 has not been changed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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